IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 14, please replace the section of lines 1-2 with the following.

--the controller 312 so that the controller is able to detect the home or end travel positions of the printing plate 8. The dual axis embodiment of Figure 2 illustrates a home position sensor 172 and an end travel sensor 170 for detecting home or travel positions of the first axis carriage 150A. Also shown is a home position sensor 172B and an end travel sensor 170B for detecting home or travel positions of the second axis carriage 150B. --

Page 16, please replace paragraph [51] with the following.

[51]   -- At this time, it is determined in step 622 whether the edge of the printing plate was detected by edge sensor 170. If the trailing edge 5 of the printing plate 8 is not yet at the plate edge sensor 170, then the vacuum is de-activated and the plate is released by the suction cups while the carriage 150 is moved toward the first absolute carriage position sensor 340 in step 630. Then the printing plate is re-engaged in step 616 and again, moved toward the second absolute carriage position sensor 342 in step 618. Depending on the plate size, the printing plate can be moved a calculated distance. In other cases it is moved based upon detection of the trailing edge 5 by the first edge detector 170. In one embodiment, the printing plate is passed to a stacker. Here, a portion of the plate is actually moved off of the table 100 to engage with the stacker, which then takes up the plate and removes it from the unload table 100.   --

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